

## CLAIMS

Claims 1-14 (cancelled).

15. (Currently Amended) A method for cutting a web (1) conveyed along a conveyance direction (F), and subsequent feeding and threading it up into a processing line (13), said web (1) comprising a central portion (1e) and edges (1a, 1b), the method comprising the steps of:

- (i) cutting off at least one edge (1a, 1b) laterally from the central portion (1e);
- (ii) cutting said at least one edge (1a, 1b) along a direction transverse to the conveyance direction (F);
- (iii) taking up said at least one edge into the processing line (13) through edge channel(s) (4a, 4b); showing a section substantially closed and comprising movable lids;
- (iv) securing said at least one edge in a pulling unit (11) located at the other extremity of the processing line (13);
- (v) opening (15) the lids of the channel(s) (4a, 4b) to release said at least one edge so as to allow the central portion to be entrained; and
- (vi) cutting the central portion transversely to the conveyance direction (1e).

16. (Currently Amended) Method for cutting and feeding a web (1) according to claim 15, wherein the taking up step (iii) comprises sucking the edges into tube channels (4a, 4b).

17. (Currently Amended) Method for cutting and feeding a web (1) according to claim 15 further comprising the step of forming a loop (12) of edges at the vicinity of the edge channel (4a, 4b) during step (ii).

18. (Currently Amended) Method for cutting and feeding a web (1) according to claim 15 wherein both edges are processed.

19. (Currently Amended) Method for cutting and feeding a web (1) according to claim 18, wherein said both edges are processed simultaneously.

20. (Currently Amended) Method for cutting and feeding a web ~~(1)~~ according to claim 18, wherein said both edges are processed independently.

21. (Currently Amended) Method for cutting and feeding a web ~~(1)~~ according to claim 20, wherein said both edges are processed sequentially.

22. (Currently Amended) Method for cutting and feeding a web ~~(1)~~ according to claim 15, wherein the cutting step (i) comprises a step of keeping the central cutting means ~~(2a, 2b)~~ at a non-moving state for lateral cutting off the edges ~~(1a, 1b)~~ from the central portion ~~(1c)~~.

23. (Currently Amended) Method for cutting and feeding a web ~~(1)~~ according to claim 15, wherein the cutting step (ii) comprises a step of instantaneous transversely cutting of the edges ~~(1a, 1b)~~.

24. (Currently Amended) Method for cutting and feeding a web ~~(1)~~ according to claim 15, wherein the cutting step (vi) comprises moving the central cutting means ~~(2a, 2b)~~ towards each other transversely to the conveyance direction ~~(F)~~.

Claims 25-28 (cancelled).